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Monday Evening, May 17th

SWAN LAKE (ACT II)

Music Tchaikowsky
Choreography Ivanov, restaged by Eric Hyrst
Decor—John Russell, Joseph Chrabas, John Graham, Raquell Austmann
Costumes Clarice Hardisty, Tillie Stadelmeir

CONDUCTOR: ERIC WILD

The curtain rises on a clearing near an enchanted lake. At midnight a crowned swan glides across the lake. A Prince and his friends are about to shoot their crossbows at the swans when the Swan Queen appears and begs them to stop. The Swan Queen is really Odette, a beautiful maiden transformed by a sorcerer into a swan, who for only a brief hour each day, may assume her human form. It is in this hour that the Prince falls in love with her and they dance together in the moonlight. As night gives way to dawn, Odette succumbs once again to the sorcerer's spell. Again the crowned swan glides across the water and the heart-broken Prince is left alone.

Odette (Queen of the Swans) Eva von Gencsy
Prince Siegfried Arnold Spohr
Benno Roger Fisher
von Rothbart (the Sorcerer) Leslie Carter
Leading Swans Marina Katronis, Marilyn Young
Cygnets—Peggy Rae Norman, Joan Leach, Shelley Shapiro, Marie Andrews
Swans—Josephine Andrews, Patricia Hume, Beverley Barclay, Charlotte Wright, Paddy McIntyre
Huntsmen Roger Labbee, Adam Darius

INTERMISSION

VISAGES

Music Walter Kaufmann
Choreography Gweneth Lloyd
Setting Jos. Plaskett
Costumes Dorothy Phillips

Masks designed by Dorothy Phillips and created by Betty Parker, Dorothy Phillips, David Yeddeau

Far beyond the material world, the girl and her lover weave the innocent pattern of their young love; then with the growing awareness of maturity they are assailed by dissonant emotions—Indecision, felt by the girl, begins to separate her from her lover. Seeing her doubt, Jealousy joins him, and with a consequent deterioration in the quality of their love—Lust is added to Jealousy.

Other underlying emotions, Fear, Greed, and Tragedy, are in abeyance, but are being gradually aroused by Indecision, Jealousy and Lust.

Driven by fear, the girl battles with Jealousy and Lust and the lovers gain a temporary reconciliation with a deepened sense of passion. The discordant emotions are subdued to a rhythm which moves with the pattern of their new love.

Passion awakes the sense of possession in the man, who partnered by Greed, arouses her hate, dragging their love through the depth of tragedy, which finally sublimates their love.

The Girl Kay Bird
The Man Arnold Spohr
Indecision (Blue and Green) Josephine Andrews
Jealousy (Green) Eva von Gencsy
Lust (Red) Paddy McIntyre
Fear (Grey) Joan Leach
Greed (Blue) Roger Labbee
Hate (Black) Charlotte Wright
Tragedy (Purple) Marie Andrews

INTERMISSION

DON QUIXOTE (Pas de Deux) Carlu Carter
Gordon Wales

Music Minkus
Choreography by Petipa
Reproduced by Mary Skeaping
Costumes Clarice Hardisty, Tillie Stadelmeir

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Choreography by Gweneth Lloyd
 Music Composed and Arranged by Eric Wilde
 Settings by John A. Russell, Joseph Chrabas
 Costumes by David Yeddeau
 Scenario by David Yeddeau

This is the story of what might have happened the night the boys were whooping it up down at the Malamute Saloon.

Dan McGrew Roger Fisher
 Stranger Arnold Spohr

Tuesday Matinee, May 18th

SWAN LAKE (Act II)

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INTERMISSION

SHADOW ON THE PRAIRIE (ACT I)

Commissioned by JAMES RICHARDSON & SONS

Choreography by Gweneth Lloyd
 Music by Robert Fleming
 Settings by John W. Graham
 Costumes by Stuart MacKay
 CARLU CARTER GORDON WALES

On the boundless prairie, a young settler and his wife have built a small dwelling which will be their shelter during the on-coming winter. They dance together, happy in their devotion to each other, and sheltered by their ignorance of the hardship before them.

Their neighbours bring homely gifts of welcome and in the prairie sunshine, their native dances bring comfort from the past and faith in the future. In the midst of the simple gaiety, a

Lou Eva von Genscy
 The Kid Paddy McIntyre
 Black Jack (a gambler) Leslie Carter
 Belle Joan Leach
 Dolly Marina Katronis
 Lily Kay Bird
 Queenie Patricia Hume
 Nell Peggy Rae Norman
 Prospectors Gordon Wales, Roger Labbee
 Bartender Adam Darius

shadow of foreboding comes over the sensitive young wife when, with the gift of a young tree, she suddenly becomes aware of the contrast between the great open prairie and the sheltered glen she has left behind.

She mourns the loss of the gentle hills and streams, but is comforted by the love and protection of her husband.

Scene 1: Summer

The Young Girl Josephine Andrews
 Her Husband Gordon Wales
 Early Settler Roger Fisher
 His Wife Patricia Hume
 His Daughter Kay Bird
 His Sons Roger Labbee, Paddy McIntyre
 Settlers—Women: Marina Katronis, Peggy Rae Norman, Marie Andrews, Charlotte Wright, Beverley Barclay. Men: Adam Darius, Leslie Carter

INTERMISSION

CASSE NOISETTE (Pas de Deux)

Music Tchaikowsky
 Choreography Petipa Ivanov
 Costumes Clarice Hardisty and Joseph Chrabas
 MARILYN YOUNG ARNOLD SPOHR

"The Nutcracker" was first danced on March 19, 1892, in St. Petersburg, Russia; and so enthusiastically was it received that five of the numbers had to be repeated.

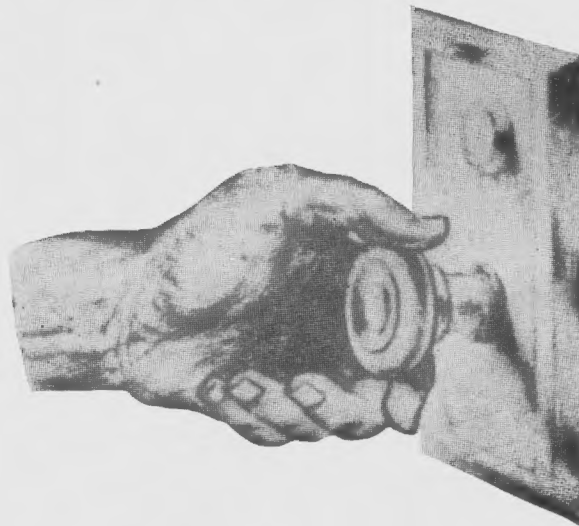
The excerpt presented here features The Sugar Plum Fairy and is drawn from Scene One of Act Two. This Grand Pas de Deux with the Sugar Plum fairy and her Cavalier was developed by Tchaikowsky along the lines of an impassioned lyric episode. The Solo is the famous Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy.

INTERMISSION

FINISHING SCHOOL

Music Johann Strauss
 Choreography Gweneth Lloyd
 Decor John A. Russell
 Costumes Dorothy Phillips

In the salon of an impoverished Grand Dame who conducts a finishing school in Paris 1870, the subdued pupils await the arrival of a new girl. She arrives rebellious and sophisticated, dressed in the latest mode and accompanied by Mamma, her younger sister, and best of all by her two elder brothers. What a fluttering of hearts! Excitement runs high, and when Mamma



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and the Head-Mistress retire to the privacy of the office to discuss mundane financial affairs, the brothers are charmed by the two parlor-boarders. When the brothers leave they indicate that they will return.

The deportment class presents wonderful opportunities for the trouble-making New Girl, but the arrival of the much admired Dancing Master creates a fresh atmosphere of gaiety.

Dismissed from the office of the Head-Mistress, the new Girl meets the Dancing Master and is left alone with him for a private lesson. Although her charms hold the attention of the Dancing Master, the parlor-boarders still claim his admiration for their dancing ability.

The New Girl, annoyed, then demonstrates her knowledge of the more advanced fashions in dancing by executing a gay and piquant polka with the Dancing Master. With the return of her

family, the brothers laden with tokens of their admiration for the girls, the ballet ends in a kaleidoscopic scene of gaiety and color.

New Girl Carlu Carter
Her Mother Kay Bird
Her Sister Joan Leach
Her Brothers Paddy McIntyre, Leslie Carter
Dancing Master Adam Darius
Headmistress Eva von Gency
Parlour Boarders Marina Katronis, Josephine Andrews
Valet de Chambre Roger Fisher
School Girls—Marilyn Young, Peggy Rae Norman, Beverley
Barkley, Marie Andrews, Shelly Shapiro, Patricia Hume,
Charlotte Wright

Tuesday Evening, May 18th

BALLET PREMIER

Mendelssohn

Choreography Arnold Spohr
Pianist Richard Ellis
Settings and Costumes Grant Marshall

BALLET PREMIER follows the style of the Imperial Russian Ballet and uses the classical technique in modern idiom.

MARINA KATRONIS ARNOLD SPOHR

with

Carlu Carter, Joan Leach, Josephine Andrews, Beverley Barkley,
Marilyn Young, Peggy Rae Norman, Paddy McIntyre, Gordon
Wales, Roger Fisher

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Winter comes but the kindliness of neighbours, the grandeur of the prairie and the strength and determination of the settlers do nothing to help the growing fears of the young wife who, in

agony of nostalgia and fear of the great snowy wastes, dies, tragically sheltered in death by the wooden walls of her marriage chest.

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Andrews, Charlotte Wright, Beverley Barkley. Men: Adam
Darius, Leslie Carter

INTERMISSION

BLACK SWAN (Pas de Deux)

Swan Lake, Act III Tchaikowsky
Choreography Petipa Ivanov
Costumes Clarice Hardisty

Reproduced by Mary Skeaping

EVA VON GENCY ARNOLD SPOHR

INTERMISSION

CONCERTO

Rachmaninoff

Choreography Gweneth Lloyd
Decor and Costumes David Yeddeau
Piano Soloist Henrietta Pelta
Andante Cantabile Eva von Gency
Andante—Marina Katronis, Peggy Rae Norman, Marie Andrews,
Charlotte Wright
Allegro Moderato—Marilyn Young, Josephine Andrews, Patricia
Hume, Beverley Barkley
Scherzando—Carlu Carter, Kay Bird, Joan Leach, Shelley Shapiro
Allegro Maestoso—Arnold Spohr, Adam Darius, Gordon Wales,
Leslie Carter

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